

Wetlands Permitting Hearing
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Points to Ponder

Question: Why is our DEQ not more user friendly?

Question: Why has our DEQ not delineated all the wetlands in our State as required by state law?

Question: Why does the US Corp of Engineering and the EPA require that the property have the right soil type, wetland plants and water on or near the surface but Michigan DEQ requires only two of the three?

Question: Why is the State definition of a stream so restrictive (Ref: inland lakes to streams act)?

Question: Why have only two of the fifty States choose to be self-regulated, with Michigan being one of the two?

Question: Why is it that the DEQ rarely if ever returns phone calls?

Question: If the DEQ says your property has wetland present and restricts the use of your property is that not a taking?

Question: Why do the majority of out of State companies trying to build in Michigan say our DEQ is very difficult to work with and forever changing the requirements?

Question: Why does our DEQ say they could care less what our legislatures say after all they are all term limited.

Anyone who has had to deal with our DEQ on wetlands or any other issue will tell you they are the biggest job killer in our State. Example they will often tell us that whatever it cost is immaterial that's not their problem.

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